

mission to ask her to become my wife?"

Leston clapped him on the shoulder. "There is no reason why you shouldn't, Robert," he said. "I don't think age changes our real natures very much. It would give me much happiness. And I believe you are the only American man I know who has gone to the father before going to the daughter."

But he realized that under the circumstances Stanley had done the honorable thing.

Stanley found Miriam in the garden.

"I have come to say good-by," he said, taking her hands in his. "I am going back to face the music. And when I return—I don't know when—I shall ask you to be my wife."

The girl's eyes filled with tears. "I have loved you all my life—before I ever saw you," she said. "And mother used to say she wished I could marry a man like you. You see, we all think so highly of you in Birmingham."

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HER FIRST CONCERN

The waitress was pretty and conscious of the fact.

The diner was frivolous and forward.

"Pretty tough to be penned up here on a nice day like this," the diner observed.

"Yes, sir," the girl returned.

"You are too good-looking to be doing this work."

The girl raised her brows.

"Have you ever thought of bettering your condition?"

"Oh, yes."

"It's awfully warm in here."

"Uh, huh."

"Don't you suffer from the stuffy atmosphere?"

Half closing her bright eyes and assuming a pensive air the girl tartly replied:

"No; only from the hot air."

MILITARY MAID OFF TO SCHOOL



ARTS BY VICTOR GEORGE

By Betty Brown

Little women of 12 and thereabouts are marching to school these days in frocks of strictly milit-airy cut and hats that are distinctly "helmet" in shape. Mme. Emma Becker of the Fashion Art League of America, who specializes in children's clothes, showed me a very good model for a juvenile military frock, which I've pictured here for your benefit.

Navy blue serge is the material used and the dull black leather belt, the gunmetal buttons emphasize the military effect of the pleated jacket. The cuffs are battleship gray broadcloth.